(c) if so, what has been the reaction of the Commission;

(d) whether the matter has been referred to the Attorney General; and

(e) whether the Attorney General has since given his views?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The Commission has received representations from some political parties, organisations and individuals that if the 1966 electoral rolls are used for the roll revision in Assam, a large number of people would be required to prove their citizenship credentials.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As the issue raised involves policy decisions regarding the intention and purport of the Assam Accord and other statutory provisions, the Commission considered it necessary to seek clarifications from Government.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir.

News-item N-Plant winding up world-wide

2212. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated September 9, 1988 "N-Plant winding up world-wide while India is commissioning a new Atomic Plant at Narora";

(b) if so, reaction of the Government to the same; and

(c) whether the cost factor involved in the production of atomic energy is being considered by Government in going in for new Atomic Power plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Trend of curtailing or reduced ordering of nuclear power plants in some countries is mainly due to saturation of requirements and availability of other energy resources.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Launching of a Man into Space by India

2213. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a book published by its Publication Division in which the ISRO Chairman Dr. U. R. Rao has been quoted as stating that India would attain the capacity of launching a man into space by 1990;

(b) whether Government propose to take up the project for sending a man into space during the next decade; and

(c) if so, what is Government's policy for space research programme for the next ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no specific proposal for sending a man to space from a national range in India or for conduct of a manned flight as a joint venture with any other country.

(c) The policy for Indian space programme for the next decade is to provide continuous, enhanced operational services on an assured basis, in telecommunication, broadcasting, meteorology and resources management, using indigenously developed satellites and their payloads as well